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COUNTY EXECUTIVE FAILS TO ENACT KEY GREEN PRINT PROVISION

County Board Committee votes to exempt Sustainability position from hiring freeze

Milwaukee, WI – A County Board Committee this morning unanimously approved a resolution sponsored by Milwaukee County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic to exempt the hiring of a Sustainability and Environmental Engineer from the County’s “hiring freeze” in order to help identify other potential cost-savings measures. Although the Green Print was enacted last year, the County Executive has not yet filled the position.

“The County Executive’s inaction on this over the past year is embarrassing. The lack of follow-through on implementing the Green Print can lead to increased costs within the County,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “That’s why the County Board is taking matters into its own hands.”

The Parks, Energy & Environment Committee voted this morning 7-0 to exempt the position of Sustainability and Environmental Engineer from the current “hiring freeze” so that cost saving green initiatives can be pursued and implemented as soon as possible. Sup. Dimitrijevic’s resolution is co-sponsored by Supervisors John F. Weishan, Jr., Gerry Broderick, Chris Larson and Patricia Jursik. The full County Board will consider the resolution on November 6th.

The Green Print, approved by the County Board and signed into law last year, incorporates a conservation ethic and plan for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. The comprehensive plan includes lower energy consumption, the utilization of more renewable energy sources, turning unused parkland back into native grasslands, managing storm water runoff, requiring higher energy efficiency standards in new projects, and the creation of a new position to oversee the Green Print.

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